- Whereas, upon occasion the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the meritorious achievements of exceptional young citizens of the Show-Me State; and
- Whereas, Bethany Joel Graves of Fairfax, Missouri, has distinguished herself as Salutatorian of the 2005 graduating class of Fairfax R-III High School, an impressive achievement that culminates a four-year pursuit of academic excellence; and
- Whereas, Bethany Graves is an inspiration to numerous others at Fairfax High School due to the determination, enthusiasm, and commitment she has consistently demonstrated throughout her school years; and
- Whereas, Bethany Graves has gained a wealth of experience and knowledge through her zealous participation in various academic and extra-curricular activities, a few of which include track, basketball, and volleyball; and
- Whereas, Bethany Graves has also enjoyed recognition by serving as a DARE Role Model and Peer Mentor; and
- **Whereas**, Bethany Graves plans to pursue her higher education at Kansas State University with a major in pre-medicine physician; and
- Whereas, Bethany Graves has achieved all of this and more with the continual encouragement of her teachers and the loving support of her family which includes her devoted parents Phil and Charla Graves; and
- Whereas, America looks forward to a bright and promising future because of the achievements already realized by such outstanding young citizens as Bethany Graves:
- **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Bethany Graves at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction and in wishing her only the best as she continues to set a superb example of excellence in scholastic endeavor; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Bethany Joel Graves.

Offered by	Representative Brad Lager
	District No. 4
Ninety-thin certify that	on, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and General Assembly, First Regular Session, do the above is a true and correct copy of House No. 3476, adopted May 20, 2005.
Rod Jetton	Speaker